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Case No. 800-2022-089454

Public Letter of Reprimand

Pursuant to the provisions of California Business and Professions Code section 2221.05, the Medical Board of California (Board) hereby issues you this Public Letter of Reprimand (PLR).

The Board received information from the Virginia Board of Medicine (VA Board) that on September 17, 2020, they entered into a Consent Order with you for care provided to a patient on May 19, 2018. VA Board advised that you failed to send the patient to the emergency room (ER) after an ECG revealed abnormal results. VA Board advised the patient presented with chest pain with radiation to his arm and back, with occasional radiation to his jaw and teeth for four (4) days. The patient had two (2) consecutive ECG which indicated ischemia and septal infarct, with the electronic interpretation stating, "abnormal ECG", but you characterized the results as "normal variant". Rather than transport the patient to an ER with cardiac intervention capabilities you diagnosed the patient with "abdominal pain" secondary to acid reflux/GERD, prescribed antacids and sent the patient home. The patient continued to have chest pain and on May 21, 2018, he went to the ER where he received a stent to the left anterior descending artery. The patient was discharged on May 24, 2018, with instructions indicating he required a Life Vest, but his insurance denied the request. On May 29, 2018, the patient collapsed after complaining of chest pain and was transported to the ER. On June 5, 2018, after receiving additional treatment the patient passed away. Currently, you hold an active medical license in the state of Virginia, which will expire on December 31, 2022, if not renewed. A copy of the VA Board's Consent Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

This action constitutes grounds for issuance of this PLR under Business and Professions Code sections 480(a)(2), 2234, 2234(d), and 2305.

Sincerely,

Marina O'Connor
Chief of Licensing